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MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Macao, September 30.

His Excellency Senhor Eduardo Marques, who has just taken over the reins of government from Lieut. Col. Roçadas is no stranger to Macao. Alida-de-camp to ex-Governor Galbardo in 1898 he was in the following year appointed Colonial Secretary General. Subsequent to his transfer to the corresponding post in India he was raised to the Governorship-general of Lourenço Marques. Chief of staff under Commander Roçadas, he came in for a goodly share of the laurels which fell to his chief during the Camata campaign of 1907. Captain Marques has just left the rulership of Timor to assume that of Macao, and in his 42nd year. His administrative career is pregnant with many an objection of exceptional ability and rare will power. Over and above all the salutary overhaul he effected in Timor, during his meteoric control, would augur well for the declining fortunes of Macao; but sad experience has taught us the unwisdom of indulging in any jubilant forecast.

The week past has been a busy one for the devotees of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The novena exercises are being well attended both morning and evening at the Church of San Domingo preparatory to the festival on Sunday next, when a solemn Divine service will be celebrated at 8.30 a.m. to be followed by the annual procession in the evening.

Tuesday was gala day in Macao. A royal salute was fired at midday in honour of the Dowager Queen Amelia. In the evening scores of people promenaded the foreshore as the military brass band played before Government House where little jets of light blazed from the facade.

The native population were the same evening absorbed in their annual mid-October festival. Firecrackers were freely consumed. In the evening every household gathered its inmates on the terraced house-tops for supper and, according to wont, appropriate delicacies were indulged in. At midnight the population thronged the temples for the performance of the customary rites.

On the initiative of His Lordship the Bishop a solemn Requiem service was held at the Cathedral on Monday last in memory of the late Mother Teresa Lacin. The service was fully choral. His Lordship officiated pontifically attended by the whole body of the clergy. Among the congregation were the nuns from the several convents with all the girls under their charge.

Following an expert survey the Rio Lima has been disqualified for further service and is now being dismantled. Lieutenant A. J. Leblond has been nominated to the superintendence of the private depot of arms and munitions of war in lieu of Lieut. Germano Dias resigned.

Owing to the havoc wrought on the crumbling tenements situated on the slope of the Monte hill, we hear that gun warnings and salutes will soon be fired from the Guia Fort.

Lieutenant Costa Santos, late A.D.C. to Governor Roçadas, is leaving for Home to-day.

Mr. R. Almyr Costes, Principal of the Escola Commercial, is back in the colony with Mrs. Costes and his two infant boys from a well-earned furlough in Japan. During the summer holidays. The new term being to-morrow.

It is whispered that Lieutenant Machado who came out in the Reins Donna Amelia will probably be assigned the post of A.D.C. to H.E. Beckler-Marques. This young officer is son to the delimitation Commissioner now in Hongkong.

The last few days saw a rise of 10 to 15 per cent in the cost of alcoholic beverages. It is rather tough on the poor consumer having to face the increment at such a stringent juncture. Ice too has gone up a half cent per lb., as owing to the high price of coal one and a half cents is now being asked.

Recently with a view to avert a fresh contempt, the Camara has very wisely decided on reducing the Holshaw licence fees from the next quarter by 22 per annum. This will entail a further shrinkage in revenue of \$1,000. An order has been issued that the coolies are to be becomingly attired under penalty of a fine.

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**CHINESE RAILWAY LOANS**

**Has China Broken Faith?**

Questions concerning Chinese railway

loans have been raised in the House of

Commons recently.

Mr. Ginnell asked the Secretary of State

for Foreign Affairs whether the British

Government had authorized the Govern-

ment of Hongkong to advance to the

Chinese Government £1,100,000 to re-

purchase from an American-Belgian com-

bination the concession for building the Han-

gong-Canton Railway for the purpose of pre-

serving from foreign control a railway of

the southern terminus was to be at Canton;

whether Chang Chi-tung, in return, gave

the British Government on September 9,

1908, an undertaking that British capital

and materials should have the preference

whenever China decided to construct the

line, whether Germany had since succeeded

in securing for themselves the contract for

building and financing the railway; and, if

so, whether any steps had been taken by

the British Government to secure the per-

formance of the undertaking given by

Chang Chi-tung and the interests in respect

of which the advance of £1,100,000 was

made.

Mr. McKinnon Wood (Glasgow, St.

Roller, Min.)—The reply to the first point

in the question is in the affirmative. It is

true that Chang Chi-tung gave an under-

taking that British capital and materials

should have the preference whenever China

decided to construct the line, but only if

the terms offered by foreign financiers were

not more favourable. A German group

offered China in the spring of the present

year terms which the Chinese considered

more advantageous and which they con-

sequently accepted. It was to recover at

any rate some portion of the Hankow-

Canton Railway loan that the British and

French groups, who were working together,

decided to admit the German group to

participation in the Hankow-Seochuan

line; each group having an equal share in

the loan and the material, but the British

group supplying the chief engineer on the

Hankow-Canton line and the chief engineer

for one-third of the Hankow-Seochuan line.

To safeguard the control of the loan fund

by the lenders, certain modifications were

effected in the terms originally offered by

the German group. Subsequently, an

American group expressed a wish to par-

ticipate in the Hankow-Seochuan loan, and

the negotiations with regard to the share

to be allotted to this fourth group are still

proceeding.

Earl Winterston (Sussex, Hornham, Opp.)

—Is it not as fact that the Chinese Gov-

ernment broke the undertaking which they

had previously given?

Mr. McKinnon Wood—I am not pre-

pared to say that, because undoubtedly the

terms offered by the German group were

more favourable than those which the

British group was prepared to offer. It

was a question of guaranteeing the ex-

penditure with whoever arranged it.

At a later sitting, Mr. Ginnell asked the

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

whether the British Government had any

other object in lending £1,100,000 to the

Chinese Government to buy back the con-

cession for the Hankow-Canton Railway

except that, on account of its proximity to

the British colony of Hongkong, it was

considered desirable that it should be con-

trolled by British subjects; what steps, if

any, were taken between 1906 and the

spring of the present year to promote that

object by securing for British interests the

control of that railway; whether, in order

to recover the Hankow-Canton Railway,

the British and French groups were com-

pelled to allow German financiers to par-

ticipate in the Seochuan Railway; and, if so,

who was mainly responsible for that change?

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DEATHS. JOHNSON—At Bath, England, on the 1st instant, Miss MARGARET JOHNSON, by a paralytic stroke. WARD—At Galashiels, Scotland, Captain WALTER WARD, late A.S. Kitching, Singapore and Sarawak, a. a. Co.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW. Amusements. 9.15 p.m.—Performance of Hamerton's Circus at Kennedy Town.

MEMOS FOR MONDAY. Auction. 3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the Public Works Department's Office. Meeting. 5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Christian Association in the rooms of Y.M.C.A. Alexandra Buildings.

General Memoranda. THURSDAY, October 5.—2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, A.C. at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms. 5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Orient Club at Club Pavillion.

THURSDAY, October 7.—2.30 p.m.—Auction of Irish Goods at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms. THURSDAY, October 12.—Transfer Books of Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., close from this date to 19th inst., inclusive. WEDNESDAY, October 13.—3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Properties at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

THURSDAY, October 19.—12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. at Co.'s Town Office.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1909.

## BRITISH POSTAL AGENCIES IN CHINA.

Has not the time arrived for the Imperial Government either to close the British Postal Agencies in China or to assume the cost of running them and thus relieve the Colony of Hongkong of a very unfair burden and illegal responsibility? We certainly think it has. From their very inception these postal agencies, we understand, have been considered branches of the Hongkong Post Office, though by what process of reasoning the authorities arrived at this astonishing conclusion we fail to fathom. Of course, when they were first started the only mail route to China was via Hongkong and as China had not equipped herself with a national postal service, the only practicable way of handling postal matter, destined for places beyond Hongkong was perhaps to open in the various treaty ports postal agencies under the aegis of a British Post Office. But the cost of such a service should have been borne by the General Post Office in London and certainly not by the

taxpayers of Hongkong. To-day the postal agencies themselves have become anomalies in an Empire which is presumed to be self-governing, though more anomalous still is their financial dependence upon this Colony.

Acting under instructions from His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong recently wrote to the Municipal Council at Shanghai a letter in which it is mentioned that His Excellency has for some time past had under consideration the annual loss incurred by the Revenues of this Colony by the conduct of the postal agencies at various Treaty ports in China and the letter adds:—"His Excellency is of opinion that this service is primarily one affecting Imperial interests, and in particular the interests of the treaty port concerned, and he lately wrote to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies informing him that he could no longer undertake to conduct these agencies, at the cost of the Hongkong taxpayers, the more so that additional burdens have lately been incurred owing to railway construction and restriction of opium."

The loss on the working of the British Postal agencies in China for 1910 is estimated by the Postmaster-General at \$27,250, and His Excellency informed the Municipal Council of Shanghai that the Government of Hongkong would continue to conduct the British Post Office in Shanghai during 1910 provided the Council would guarantee to refund to the Government of Hongkong one quarter of the total loss on the agency. This, on the face of it, is a very generous offer, but we are not surprised at the attitude which the Shanghai Municipal Council felt compelled to take up in regard to it. In their letter in answer to the Hongkong suggestion, the Council replied regretting that it cannot authorise payment on behalf of its cosmopolitan community of a contribution towards the cost of the British Post Office, since other national offices would be entitled to similar treatment. There are in Shanghai, it points out, French post-offices under American, French, German, Japanese and Russian management, as well as the Imperial Chinese Post Office, and in the Council's opinion the support of any of these, or the British Post Office, cannot fittingly be made a charge upon municipal funds.

In our opinion, quite apart from the question of an unfair burden on Hongkong's finances, the time has come for the British Government to seriously reconsider its position in the matter. When the British Postal agencies were established they were a vital necessity to-day they are not. China has, under the splendid management of the Imperial Maritime Customs, equipped herself with a thoroughly competent national postal service, and therefore the necessity for foreign postal agencies within her borders has ceased to exist. A precisely similar state of affairs once existed in Japan. When Japan was first opened to foreign intercourse as the result of Commodore Perry's visit she had no facilities for handling foreign mails and at first all letters and other postal matter used to be sent ashore to the various consulates where one went on the arrival of the mail packets and claimed one's correspondence. This clumsy and as it turned out fairly faulty arrangement did not last very long. Sir HARRY PARKES instituting, under the China plan, a Postal Agency in connection with the British Consulate, and other nations at once followed suit. Japan meanwhile had not been asleep. She had already a native system of mail delivery and post runners on her principal high roads, which had been in existence for centuries, and with this as a nucleus she began to build up a modern system, employing first class foreign advisers at the outset to get the machinery into proper working order. When everything was ready she informed the various Ministers in Tokyo that she was prepared to discharge her obligations in the matter of a Postal Service, both foreign and

domestic, and the Corps Diplomatique having satisfied themselves upon the point the foreign agencies were closed. The same thing is surely possible in China. The Imperial Chinese Post Office has gone far beyond an experimental stage and we certainly think the Powers would be doing a very graceful thing if they recognised the altered state of affairs, acknowledged that China had qualified herself to undertake the obligations imposed by the establishment of an Imperial Post Office, and closed their postal agencies accordingly. This, in our opinion, is the true solution of the question.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

On page 2 of this issue will be found Dr. Cook's account of his visit to the North Pole, as telegraphed to the New York Herald.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps are giving a promenade concert on Saturday, the 23rd inst. in aid of the funds of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

For general information there are published in the Gazette rules for regulating appeals to His Majesty in Council from the Supreme Court of Hongkong.

The total output of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's three mines for the week ending 18th Sept. amounted to 28,870.32 tons, and the sales during the period, to 27,834.40 tons.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook has given notice of his intention of suing Commander Perry for slander on account of the latter's charges of fraud against Dr. Cook in connection with his claim to have discovered the north pole.

The annual session of His Majesty's Justices of Peace will be held at the Magistracy on Friday, November 5th, at 2.30 p.m.—for the purpose of considering applications for licences and adjudge licences for the year 1909-10.

By kind permission of Col. Prior and Officers, the band of the 13th Rajputs will play during and after dinner at the Oriental Hotel, this evening, on the occasion of the second anniversary of the opening. "The Gondoliers" will be played in place of "Fiddlers."

We have received a copy of a new Shanghai weekly entitled "The Leading Light and China Coast Shipping Gazette." As its name indicates it is practically wholly devoted to shipping interests, which are dealt with in quite a crisp and pithy style. Of convenient size, the publication is exceedingly well turned out. It sells at 30 cents a copy. We wish the new-comer every success.

The Gazette notifies that an examination, open to all qualified natural-born British subjects, for appointments in the Civil Service of India or for Eastern Undersecretaries in the Colonial Service or for Clerkship in the Home Civil Service, will take place in London in August, 1910. Copies of the regulations, syllabus of examination and forms of application may be obtained from the Colonial Secretary's office.

Details are published in Paris of a noteworthy invention which, it is believed, will solve the problem of navigation in foggy weather. The inventors are Captains Toni and Bellini, two Italian seamen, and their apparatus is described as a "wireless compass." The compass, it is stated, is so arranged that it can locate the direction of a station whence "Morse waves" are being sent forth into the atmosphere, and it is claimed for it that by its means one vessel can determine the exact position of another up to a distance of 50 kilometres.

A notification in the Government Gazette states that the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott) has made the following appointments:—Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, Deputy Registrar and Appraiser of the Supreme Court, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in the Supreme Court, and also to be a commissioner for taking the acknowledgments by married women of the deeds to be executed by them; Mr. G. A. Woodcock, Magistrate's clerk, to be a commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in the Supreme Court.

Dr. McKoon seems to have been very unlucky since he returned to the Philippines. The other day he obtained the Prince Sigismund for three hours because the starboard ladder was not put down when his quarantine launch approached—it turned out afterwards that the ladder was damaged and could not be used—and now it seems that the Yawata Maru, the Taiyang and the Arragonia have been held up for several hours in Manila harbour, through the doctor not getting off to them. Eventually Dr. Hurley went out and granted pratique. Dr. McKoon subsequently explained to a reporter that he had been suddenly prostrated with a long-standing attack of dysentery and had been unable to communicate with the other quarantine officials.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. R. M. Dyer, the new manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, arrived in the Colony on Friday.

Mr. J. W. Jamieson, the newly appointed British Consul-General for Canton, arrived in Hongkong on Friday by the Delta.

The Japanese Consul in Hongkong is in receipt of a telegram from the Foreign Office, Tokyo, stating that the Hongkong Consulate has been raised to the dignity of a Consulate-General, from October 1. Consul Funatsu will remain as acting Consul-General.

Count Otaui, Hereditary Lord Abbot of the Hongwanji, spent a busy day in Hongkong on Friday. In company with Countess Otaui he visited the Peak, then dined at the residence of Mr. Consul Funatsu, afterwards holding a reception of the followers of the Nichiren sect at Morrison Hill Road; winding up the day with a dinner given by the Japanese community at the Nippon Club. To-day the distinguished visitors resume their journey to India by the P. & O. steamer Delta.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. E. Parsons, C.M.G., Army Ordnance Department, who has been appointed for duty to Hongkong, originally entered the Royal West Surrey Regiment in May, 1882, and first took service with the A. O. D. in 1890. He reached his present rank five years ago, and has two campaigns to his credit. He served with the Burmese Expedition, 1885-88, as superintendent of signalling of the Third Brigade (medal with two clasps); and saw a great deal of hard work in South Africa, 1899-1902, including the operations in the Orange Free State, Orange River Colony, the Transvaal, and Cape Colony (mentioned in despatches, C.M.G.). Queen's medal with three clasps, and King's medal with two clasps. The new armament officer at Hongkong is Captain A. E. C. Myers, Royal Artillery, lately employed as staff captain of the Royal Artillery of the Highland Division of the Territorial Force. Captain Myers joined the gunners in July, 1891, and served with credit in South Africa, his services obtaining him mention in despatches, Queen's medal with three clasps, and King's medal with two clasps.

## THE LIQUOR LICENSES.

A week of two ago a petition was drawn up and addressed to His Excellency, the Governor praying that the lesser hotel proprietors be favoured with a reduction in the price of their licenses. It is understood that this petition has been favourably received by His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard and that the matter will receive the attention of the Government.

## THE POW-PA TREE.

BY W. J. TUCKER, F.R.S.

Two or three years ago Dr. Atkinson, the Principal Civil Medical Officer, sent us some wood shavings with the information that a Chinese woman had poisoned herself with the same thing a short time previously. These shavings are commonly known as Pow-fa and are used by Chinese women for dressing their hair. When the shavings are put into water they exude a clean gum. In "Notes on the Economic Botany of China," by Dr. A. Henry, published in Shanghai in 1893, there is a paragraph from a letter received from the Director, Royal Gardens, Kew, as follows:—"It would be very interesting to clear up the nature of the wood used by the Chinese ladies for dressing their hair." Dr. Henry states in his "Notes" that the shavings are sometimes labelled Wu Tung-Pao-Cha implying that they are from the Wu Tung tree, Sterculia pectinifolia, but this is an error.

In the "History of European Botanical Discoveries in China," by the late Dr. E. Bretschneider, published in London in 1894, it is stated:—"The 1895 S. M. H. Playfair sent to Kew specimens in leaf of a tree called Tsoo Chang, which he had collected in the mountains near Ningpo, with the information that the shavings of the wood, when soaked in water, yielded a mucilage which is used by Chinese ladies in tamponing their hair. These ladies were identified as Moehius Thunbergii, Siebert Zucc. and flowering specimens, subsequently received from the same gentleman confirmed the identification. On the authority of Dr. Henry, Playfair adds that the Canton shavings are from the same tree."

We do not know on what grounds Dr. Henry based his opinion, but we may say at once that the shavings sold in Hongkong are undoubtedly obtained from the same kind of tree as the Ningpo shavings. Moehius Thunbergii. We had suspected this to be the case for some time, but could not be quite sure as the wood obtained from trees growing in Hongkong is coarser grained and gives a less efficient mucilage—than that obtained in the market. This is probably accounted for by the different situation and soil in which the trees grow. We have endeavoured, from time to time, to get living specimens of the tree through Chinese sources, but were without success until recently, when we obtained a specimen with leaves from a place in Kwangtung. The Chinese say they know the tree quite well, but on every previous occasion the specimens of living trees they sent us were from Central China and extended as far north as the Coran Aschelpelago. It is also found in Formosa and Japan. In Hongkong it is frequently met with, and is one of our biggest trees. It has another use besides the one mentioned, and that is for the making of joss sticks. In the new territories there are several sandalwood mills and the wood used is obtained from the Moehius, but it is not the true sandalwood. Mr. Frank Brown, the Government Analyst, informs us that its dangerous property is due to the presence of a narcotic poison. The name for the tree in the new territories is Heung Sam Kan, but no mention of it is made in Chinese books on botany under this name or Pow-fa.

## JAPAN'S COURTESY.

AMERICAN SAILORS' PRACTICAL APPRECIATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.) LONDON, October 2.

The New York correspondent of the Times states that the American sailors, who participated in the world's tour, have subscribed towards a loving-cup to be presented to the Japanese Navy in appreciation of the courtesies received while visiting Japan.

## SPANIARDS' SEVERE REPULSE.

GENERAL AND OFFICERS' KILLED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.) LONDON, October 2.

The Spaniards on making a reconnaissance from Zulueta sustained a severe reverse.

General Vicario, two captains and Lieutenants and 14 men were killed, while the wounded numbered 180.

## BIRTH OF A GERMAN PRINCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.) LONDON, October 2.

The Crown Prince of Germany has given birth to a son.

[Note.—His Imperial and Royal Highness Crown Prince Wilhelm was married in 1905 to H. R. H. Cecilie of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and on July 4th of the following year Prince Wilhelm was born. A second son was born on November 9th, 1907.—Ed., C.M.]

## THE TSARINA ILL.

ARMY MANOEUVRES ABANDONED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.) LONDON, October 1.

The Russian Army manoeuvres in the Crimea have been abandoned owing to the illness of the Tsarina.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

GOVERNMENT'S WISE STEP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.) LONDON, October 1.

Mr Sydney Buxton, the Post-Master General, has announced in the House of Commons that the Post Office has arranged with the Marconi Company to take over all the coast stations, the company receiving £15,000.

The Post Office has also arranged to take over all Lloyd's wireless stations.

## ANOTHER GERMAN DREADNOUGHT.

COMPLETION OF NAVAL HARBOUR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.) LONDON, October 1.

The Ost Frisia, a sister ship of the Haligoland, of the superior Dreadnought type, launched a few days ago, was launched yesterday at Wilhelmshaven.

The launch coincides with the completion, after ten years' work, of the naval harbour at Wilhelmshaven, which has cost £3,200,000 sterling, and which includes six docks, three of which will accommodate the largest battleships afloat.

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"Come time back I had a very bad attack of colic," says Mrs. C. Pinner of Middleburg, Cape Colony. "I saw an advertisement in the paper of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I at once got from the chemist, Mr. W. C. Turpin. After I had used the first dose I got better, and when the bottle was finished I was well. I can easily recommend it to any one who suffers from colic. It is the best I ever used." For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

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## RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS.

"Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.

TOKYO, October 2. Two hundred Russian immigrants bound for Hawaii left Dairen to-day.

## JAPAN'S RICE CROP.

UNPRECEDENTED HARVEST.

"Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.

TOKYO, October 2. The prospect of the rice crop in Japan this year, the government announces, is extremely good and an unprecedented harvest is anticipated.

## AMERICA AND JAPAN.

CLOSER INTIMACY NECESSARY.

"Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.

TOKYO, October 2. Ambassador O'Brien, who is now on leave in America, addressed the party of Japanese business men, at a reception held at the Grand Rapids and said that the Government and people of Japan were most friendly towards America. This he knew from personal experience during his two years' residence in Japan. He thought that a closer intimacy between the two countries was absolutely essential for their future mutual prosperity.

## NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.) PEKING, October 1.

Sir Chin Lang Liang-ying has been appointed secretary to Prince Hsuan during the tour of His Imperial Highness, in study the naval methods of foreign countries. His Imperial Highness and his suite will embark from Peking on October 10.

## MACAO BOUNDRY DELIMINATION.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.) PEKING, October 1.

His Excellency Commissioner Kao has telegraphed that the Portuguese Commissioner has agreed not to interfere with the fishing junks in Chinese waters and to recognise Muk Chak and Ko Lo Wan as Chinese territory.

## PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.) PEKING, October 1.

The Board of Finance has proposed that Shao Ying, Vice-President of the Board, be deputed to proceed to each province in order to make a thorough study of their financial situation with a view to increasing the revenues.

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Harmston's Circus begins its season in Hongkong to-night. A special performance, we understand, will be given on Sunday afternoon.

For stealing 24 lbs of lead from the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. a native was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, at the Magistracy to-day. Another native was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks for breaking and entering No. 29 Bridge Street.

## RHEUMATISM.

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